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TAGS: PINT PFOR GJ UK

SUBJ: GRENADA INDEPENDENCE TALKS

REF: BRIDGETOWN A-84, LONDON 10277 ( OCT. 72)

1. INDEPENDENCE TALKS ARE SCHEDULED TO RESUME IN LONDON MAY 14 FOLLOWING AGREEMENT AT INITIAL TALKS LAST OCTOBER " TO HOLD CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE IN EARLY MAY 73" ( LONDON 10277). GRENADA' S DELEGATION WILL INCLUDE PREMIER ERIC GAIRY; GEORGE F. HOSTEN, MINISTER OF FINANCE, TRADE AND INDUSTRY; LAURISTON F. WILSON, SENIOR PERMANENT SECRETARY IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE; SIR ALLEN LEWIS, RETIRED CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE WINDWARD ISLANDS; E. A. HEYLIGER, BARRISTER; NOLAN JACOBS, SOLICITOR- GENERAL; AND CARL BUXO, PERSONAL ASSISTANT TO PREMIER GARY. OPPOSITION MEMBERS WILL BE HERBERT BLAIZE, LEADER OF GNP; SEN. BEN JONES, WHO ACCOMPANIED BLAIZE TO THE OCTOBER TALKS; BERNARD COARD, A GRENADIAN ECONOMIST; AND J. S. B. DEAR, QUEEN' S COUNSEL AND BARBADIAN ATTORNEY.

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2. ACTIVE OPPOSITION TO INDEPENDENCE HAS BEEN INCREASING IN GRENADA IN RECENT MONTHS, SPARKED BOTH BY OPPOSITION GNP AND RADICAL JEWEL MOVEMENT, BUT ALSO INCLUDING BUSINESS, AGRICULTURAL AND CIVIL SERVICE ELEMENTS. WHILE PREMIER GAIRY HAS PROJECTED APPEARANCE OF CALM, HE HAS BEEN FACED BY RESIGNATIONS WITHIN HIS OWN PARTY AND BY NEED TO CREATE FOUR NEW SENATE SEATS. NEVERTHELESS, BRITISH ARE DISCOUNTING OPPOSITION'S STRENGTH AND STILL APPEAR FAVORABLY DISPOSED TOWARD PROCEEDING AHEAD WITH INDEPENDENCE PLANS, PROVIDED GRENADA'S ECONOMIC VIABILITY IS ASSURED, INTERNAL SECURITY MAINTAINED, AND APPROPRIATE CONSTITUTIONAL SAFEGUARDS CAN BE WORKED OUT.

3. FOR LONDON: REPORT OUTCOME AND BACKGROUND HMG- GOG TALKS AS AVAILABLE.  
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